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Letter dated 3 October 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Angola to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit the letter of Dr. João Bernardo de Miranda, Minister for External Relations of the Republic of Angola, dated 27 September 2001, and request that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Ismael A. **Gaspar Martins**
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Annex to the letter dated 3 October 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Angola to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

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As the members of the Security Council are aware, the mandate of the mechanism established pursuant to Council resolution 1295 (2000) is due to expire on 19 October 2001. This body has undoubtedly played a crucial role in significantly reducing the wave of serious violations of Council resolutions that impose sanctions against the União Nacional para a Independência Total de Angola (UNITA)-armed wing.

The Angolan Government strongly believes that this role must continue, because sanctions have proved to be an important tool to curtail UNITA's ability to wage the war, and pursue its political goals by using violence.

On behalf of my Government, I would like to seize this opportunity to request the members of the Security Council to further extend the mandate of the mechanism, so that its main goals can be fully accomplished.

It goes without saying that peace in Angola can be achieved only within the framework of the Lusaka Protocol (S/1994/1441, annex). The international community should therefore continue to do its best to convince the UNITA-armed wing to resign from the path of war and embrace a peaceful solution to the conflict.

(*Signed*) João **Bernardo de Miranda**
Minister of External Relations of Angola